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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: HB 280

Date: February 2, 2015

Subject: Office of Administration; Bonds - Surety; State Employees

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Commissioner of Administration to procure a blanket bond or crime insurance policy to protect the state against loss from the acts or omissions of any state-compensated person within the judiciary.

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials from the **Office of Administration**, the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

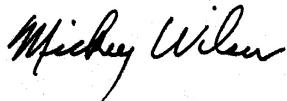
Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget.

Fiscal Analysis (continued)

Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.



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